



State of Vermont  
**PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION**

**AIR POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT:  
 OPEN BURNING**

**SUMMARY  
 DESCRIPTION  
 OF PERMIT**

Permits may be granted to open burn certain materials, provided no public or private nuisance is created. Permits may contain conditions restricting amounts and types of materials to be burned, location of burn sites, size of burn piles, meteorological conditions under which burning may occur, and time and duration of burns.

**EXAMPLE OF  
 REGULATED  
 ACTIVITY**

Typical activities include the burning of natural wood commercial wastes, the burning of natural wood construction/demolition material; the burning of wooden structures such as old sheds or barns; and the burning of other materials for which there is no other feasible method of disposal. (see Section 5-201 & 5-202 of the *Vermont Air Pollution Control Regulations* for more detailed information). Note that permissible open burning of untreated, natural wood may be subject to local and/or municipal fire prevention requirements and ordinances.

**CRITERIA FOR  
 JURISDICTION**

Any open burning not listed as permissible under Section 5-201 or 5-202 of the *Vermont Air Pollution Control Regulations* must receive an Air Pollution Control Permit

**INFORMATION  
 REQUIRED**

- (i) location and topographical setting of burn site;
- (ii) approximate distance to nearest homes, businesses, roads, etc;
- (iii) type of waste or material to be burned (e.g. pallets, demolition material, etc.);
- (iv) estimated size of pile to be burned; and
- (v) proposed date of burn

**WEB ADDRESS**

<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/air/Compliance/htm/Openburn.htm>

**FEES**

None

**APPLICATION  
 TIME FRAME**

The normal time for processing a complete application is 5 days.

**ADMINISTERING  
AGENCY****AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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**AUTHORITY**

10 V.S.A. Section 558

**APPLICABLE  
RULES**Environmental Protection Regulations, Chapter 5, Air Pollution Control Section  
5-201 & 5-202.**APPEAL  
PROCESS**

Denials of open burning permits may be appealed to the Secretary of the Agency. Effective January 31, 2005, within 30 days of the date of an act or decision, any person aggrieved by an act or decision of the secretary, or any party by right, may appeal to the environmental court in accordance with the provisions of [10 VSA Chapter 220](#).

**OTHER PERMITS**Contact a [Permit Specialist](#) for a Project Review Sheet.<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/ead/pa/index.htm>